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URING two long, hot, dusty Summers I spent days at a time looking for a seaside home that I had long before pictured in my mind's eye. Over hot, blistering boardwalks and barren beaches I had trailed, expecting to find some wood or cove away from the "madding crowd," where one could idle in peace and comfort.

I knew that perfection, even in Summer resorts, is rarely attained, and I was about to give up the task as a hopeless one when a kind friend put me on to a new trail.

"Have you tried Fishers' Island?" he said. I confessed that I had not. "Go up next Saturday and see the place." So I went.

The Boston Express took me to New London, Conn., that town of boat races, yacht rendezvous and Revolutionary memories. A few steps from the train was the steamboat landing, and the bustle of the deckhands transferring trunks, bags and boxes aboard told me plainer than words that I was not the only pilgrim to Fishers' Island that day.

In a few minutes we were off. The glistening waters of the Sound and the smooth, gliding motion of the boat were a delightful change from the dusty rush of the train, and I soon found myself looking eagerly forward to Fishers' Island, lying in the blue waters of the Sound a few miles away. As we



STATION AND WHARF AT
NEW LONDON CONN.
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J. B. Haines



MUNNATAWKET HOTEL

passed down New London harbor were to be seen Fort Griswold, the Pequot House and the New London station of the New York Yacht Club, prominent features of the villa-lined shores of the famous inlet.

Soon a harbor and pier came into view, with a cosy-looking hotel in the background, the "Munnatawket," which, by the way, is the old Indian name for Fishers' Island, and also the name of the steamboat that was carrying us rapidly

to this charming spot. Fishers' Island presents a gently undulating surface, with here and there a group of cottages and staidier homes, all seemingly built in harmony with the general aspect of the place. Quite different from the usual



A VIEW OF LITTLE HILL HARBOR

Summer resort hotel is the Munnatawket. Its broad verandas are comfortable and homelike; its rooms cool and inviting, and the service excellent. I made up my mind that my friend evidently knew of what he was speaking when he said, "Go to Fishers' Island."

The next morning found me ready for an exploring tour of the island. An irregular shore line gives it a width of half a mile in the narrowest and two and a half miles at the widest point; not too great a walk for the idler. Nine miles is the ex-





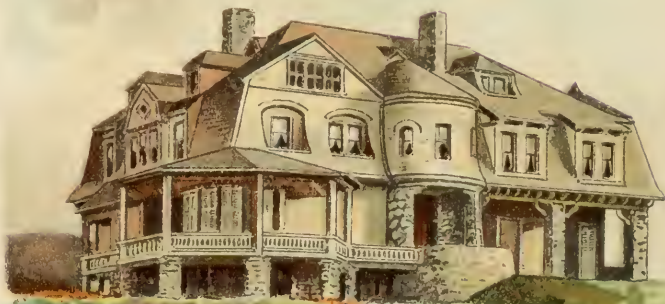
VIEW OF WEST HARBOR

There being ample room for the cycle enthusiast, especially as good roads abound. I also noticed a number of rowboats and trim-looking sailboats at anchor in the little harbor, and as there was a good breeze blowing it did not take me long to find out that they could be hired with a competent skipper at the helm to see that one was well taken care of.



HOUSE OF MR. E. M. FERGUSON.

The lines
were soon
cast off and
away we went
for a few miles of
brisk sailing over
the blue water. We
passed several fish-
ing parties on our
way. In an hour we were
back at the dock. A short walk brought
me to another hotel, the Mansion House, with another group



HOUSE OF MR. WALTON FERGUSON.



of pretty cottages, whose very appearance bespoke refinement, comfort and even luxury. Upon inquiry I found that the cottages and hotel were under the same general management.

I saw everywhere that there is easy access to natural harbors and fishing grounds, with magnificent views of the broad, sweeping Atlantic and Long Island Sound, while an endless panorama of passing vessels, including the largest ships and white-sailed pleasure craft of all descriptions, varied here and there by the more subdued schooner and freighter of commerce, may



LITTLE HAY HARBOR.

be seen moving slowly along. The floating palaces of the Fall River and Stonington lines pass and repass within plain view of Fishers' Island, while the sight of these steamers in the evening, brilliantly illuminated, is one to be remembered.












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meals at the Dining Room,



which is
centrally
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hotel service.     
All the cottages are supplied with run
ning water from a pure spring.  
Plumbing and drainage strictly sanitary.



THE CHURCH
(seen from the distance)

A remarkable development of the landscape led me to ask to whom all this careful attention was due. My guide explained to me that Messrs. Edmund M. Ferguson and Walton Ferguson had acquired the island a number of years before.

They afterwards conceived the idea of making it an island of Summer homes, and have shown their belief in its future by building costly Summer residences for themselves.

By the assistance of Mr. Downing Vaux and other landscape artists and architects the natural beauty of the island has been greatly enhanced. After passing over a group of hills the island

THE GOLF LINKS



settlement came into view, the two church spires, Episcopal and Union Chapel, being the first to meet the eye. The postoffice, telegraph and long-distance telephone offices are contained in a neat little building of their own, and the schoolhouse and stores complete a picturesque little settlement.



RACE POINT LIGHT.




SOUTH BEACH.

Perfect bathing, boating and fishing are all inducements to the weary wanderer who has long sought for an ideal spot like Fishers' Island. Golf links, that match in natural features those of St. Andrew's, invite the enthusiast in this most popular sport.



MR. CHITMAN'S HOUSE
(Open for rent.)

It is proposed by the United States Government to erect fortifications on the western end of the island. These defensive works will be of great strength and will command the eastern entrance to Long Island Sound. The attractions and would



VIEW OF WEST HARTON
(Looking toward Charleston and James)

features, which cluster about an army pool are not the least of the many benefits which residents on Fobers' Island are to enjoy. I was more than surprised to note several picturesque lakes of fresh water, clear and limpid, only a few feet from the salt water of the ocean. But I am wearying you with details. Now let us smoke the evening pipe of peace in view of Race Rock Light, that silent sentinel of the deep, which guides the mariner from the western point of the island.

When your thoughts run to an island home, where the



OVERLOOKING WEST HARBOR

ocean breezes never fail to bring health and strength, where society is congenial and modern comforts close at hand, turn to Fishers' Island and don't wait longer. A garden spot like this does not remain long in its primitive beauty.

Fishers' Island, with its many hills and elevations, seems by nature to be admirably adapted for building sites. Some of the best locations of the island are still undisposed of. On the

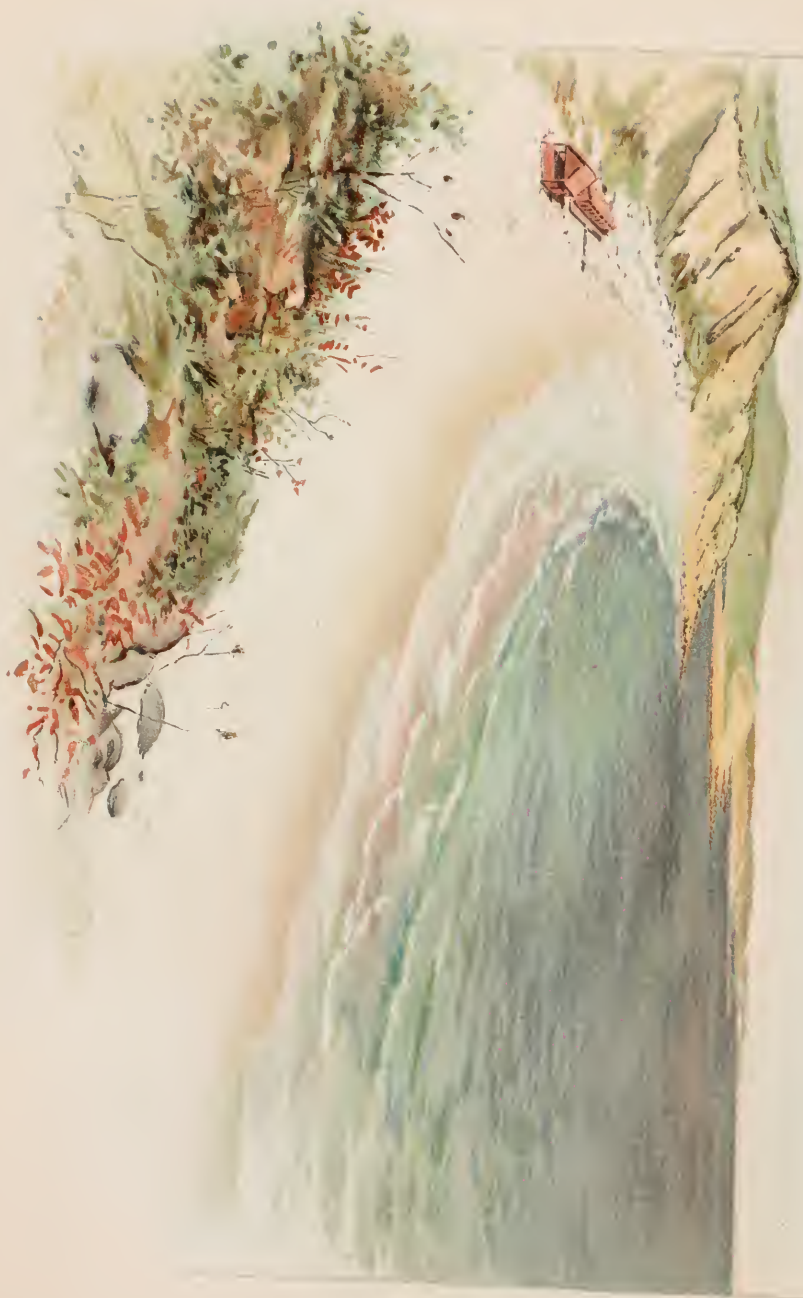


HUNGRY POINT



FRESH WATER LAKE

CANELLA BEACH.





eastern side, for a distance of a mile or two, is the highest bluff along the Atlantic shore from Maine to Florida. This bluff rises perpendicularly one hundred feet from the waves of the ocean that play about its base. There is nothing like it south of Maine, and there has not as yet been built a single residence along its front.

In its adaptability for Summer home sites Fishers' Island presents advantages rarely found. The hills and dales, the

proximity of beach and bluff, give the greatest scope to the architect or home builder seeking a residence site. The natural formation of the island prevents the laying out of regular lots, so objectionable in these districts of change from the straight,



LITTLE SOUTH BEACH.

narrow streets so often found at Summer resorts. The views from the hills of the island are of such a nature that a most charming and diversified aspect is presented from all points.

The water supply is obtained from the many clear springs to be found, and the most improved system of subsurface drainage has been adopted, so that the beautiful harbors and lakes are not in any way impaired.





Searchers for Summer homes who are solicitous of the health of their wives and little ones cannot fail to be impressed with the natural advantages of the island. * * * * *

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